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The Cast of Dragon Knights

The Dragon Knights and the Dragon Officers under the command of Lord Lykouleon, are positioning themselves to face the Demon Forces in the defense of Dusis. But they will have to rely on the help of others to see them through. This is an overview of the Dragon Clan and their allies.

Royalty

Lord Lykouleon

Roselcane

Dragon Officers

Kai Stern

Blue Dragon Officer Secretary of Foreign Affairs

White Dragon Officer Chief Secretary

Alfeesi

Rowolt

Yellow Dragon Officer Secretary of State

Black Dragon Officer Secretary of Security

Terheus

Dragon Castle Administrator

Cernozum

Dragon Knights

Rath

Chotz

Rune

Nobiro

A human with a love for Faeries.

Muser

Muser was killed when Lord Lykouleon faced Nadd to save his Queen Roselcane.

Rath is very close to Kai Stern and was to the last Demon Dragon Crewger.

Crewger

Crewger was killed when Gurtakey, a son of Khan the Alchemist, [illegible] to kidnap [illegible].

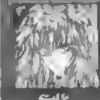
Deltre

A human [illegible] willing to help the Dragon Knights.

Kitchel

[illegible] secretly sent on a mission to relocate the three treasures for the Demon's seal.

Silk



Once trapped by Khan in a [illegible] realm. [illegible]

Ringleys

Tinker

Once trapped in a demon water realm [illegible] the demon [illegible] from escaping, she is now free and must save the faeries.

[illegible] Kitchel.

Faeries

Many of the faeries have been enlightened by Khan the Alchemist. A few remain but feel powerless to stop the massacre.

Rath and Cesta are both part demon and are distrust each other, but they have learned to work together very well.

Cesta

A [illegible] with the ability to [illegible] the power of [illegible] in close proximity. [illegible] covered by [illegible] of the power [illegible] times.

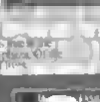
Gik

Humons

These three [illegible] are [illegible] to return [illegible] Gik [illegible] all [illegible].

Bart

Ro



Dana

Cesta's friend who currently waits at the Dragon Castle for [illegible] to return from Mt. Emphiza.

DRAGON KNIGHTS

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WHAT IF WE COULD GET THE REAL RATH BACK? THEN WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO FIGHT HIM.
NO.
THERE HAS TO BE SOME OTHER WAY.
IT'S NOT—
THAT SIMPLE.
UNLESS YOU'RE NOT TELLING ME SOMETHING, THESEUS.
SEEMS SIMPLE ENOUGH TO ME.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WE MUST PROTECT THE LORD.
AT ANY COST.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS MEANS?
IT MEANS, THATZ, THAT YOU WILL HAVE TO FIGHT RATH.

WATCH OUT!
HE'S A SNEAKY BASTARD!
?!
AARGH!!

CONSIDERING YOUR INABILITY TO HIDE FROM ME, THATZ.
I'D SAY YOU'RE NOT ONE TO TALK.
THAT'S IT, ISN'T IT?
YOU'RE HIDING SOMETHING.
!!
ITS THE FIRE DEMON!

YOU CAN'T STOP US.
URKK
YOU MIGHT AS WELL GIVE UP.
UGH!
DAMN IT!
THATZ!
ITS USELESS.
THE MORE YOU STRUGGLE, THE TIGHTER MY SPELL BECOMES.

WHAT?
WELL, THIS IS UNEXPECTED.
I DIDN'T THINK YOU SURVIVED.
FUNNY.
YOU SURPRISED ME THE SAME WAY.
WHAT?
GEE, THANKS, THESEUS.
WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF ASKING THEM TO LET ME GO?
HUH?
RELEASE HIM!
HOLY MOTHER! IT WORKED!

QUEEN RASEL-EANE!
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN, BROTHER?
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.

OH, GOD!
HOW DID SHE GET THAT MARK?
YES, MA'AM!
THE QUEEN HAS FAINTED.
HELP HER INTO BED.
MY LADY!
I'M HERE.
OH, MY LADY...
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

BUT THATS IMPOSSIBLE!
...I THOUGHT BOTH OF YOU WERE KILLED.
WHEN THE PREVIOUS DRAGON LORD FOUGHT THE DEMON LORD OF DUSIS SO LONG AGO.
INDEED, SHYRENDORA AND I ALMOST PERISHED.
QUEEN RASE-LEANE
WHAT IS THAT THING?
AND WHO WOULD DARE GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO GIVE IT TO HER?
WHAT?!
SHYDEMAN AND THESEUS... ARE BROTHERS?

BRETHREN... YOUR SOUL WASN'T RESCUED, SHYDEMAN. IT WAS SOLD
A MATTER OF SEMANTICS.
IF WE SOLD OUR SOULS TO NADIL, HE PAID A PREMIUM PRICE.
AND UNLIKE YOU, BROTHER, WE WILL LIVE IN INFAMY...
NO WONDER THESELIS COULD ALWAYS SENSE IF THERE WERE DEMONS AROUND.
WE WERE VERY WEAK. I COULD SCARCELY HANDLE EVEN THE SIMPLEST OF SPELLS.
BUT THINGS HAVE CHANGED.
SINCE OUR SOULS WERE TOO WEAK TO SURVIVE ON THEIR OWN..
THEY WERE COMBINED, DIVIDED AND GIVEN BACK TO US.
YOU SEE..
WE WERE GIVEN POWER.
WE WERE SAVED BY NADIL.
YOUR SOUL WAS RESCUED BY THE DRAGON LORD
HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED MY BROTHER.

NO!
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS THING?!
HAS IT BEEN HIDING UNDER THE DRAGON CASTLE THIS ENTIRE TIME?
AARRGH!!
I REGRET THAT I MUST CUT THIS REUNION SHORT.
...WHILE YOU'LL HAVE TO SETTLE FOR DYING IN IT.
!!

WHAT THE HELL?
THATZ!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
RUNE
YOU...
YOU'RE OKAY!

YOUR ATTEMPTS AT REVIVING HIM WILL NOT SUCCEED.

HEH, HEH, HEH, HEH...

HOW AMUS-ING.

YOU WILL NOT LEAVE THIS DUNGEON ALIVE.

LORD LYKOU-LEON!

NOW WHAT WOULD A PAIR OF RATS LIKE THESE BE DOING IN MY BASEMENT? OH, THAT'S RIGHT, THEY MUST BE HERE FOR THEIR DEAD LORD'S HEAD.

HOW RUDE OF YOU

ALMOST AS AMUSING AS SEEING YOU NEARLY EATEN BY VARAWOO, THE DEMON FISH...
...JUST SO YOU COULD PROTECT YOUR PRECIOUS DRAGON KNIGHTS.
SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE.
YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO BE THE HERO.
DON'T YOU, LYKOU-LEON?

WHY, THE REBIRTH OF THE DEMON LORD...
!!
BE... WHA!?
WHAT ARE YOU PLAYING AT NOW RATH?
...AND THE DEATH OF THE DRAGON LORD.
BY YOU? RATH, IF THERE'S ONE THING YOU'RE NOT GOOD AT, IT'S STICKING TO THE PLAN.

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, LYKOU-LEON.
I'VE BEEN SAVING THE BEST PART OF THIS WHOLE EVENING FOR YOUR ARRIVAL.
AND NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE, WE CAN FINALLY BEGIN
WELL, THIS TIME, THE HERO MUST LOSE.

LORD LYKOULEON!!

I SIMPLY NEED TO UTTER ONE MORE INCANTATION...
AND MY CURSE WILL BE COMPLETE.
...ALL OVER YOUR BODY.
IS THAT SO?
WELL HERE'S A PLAN THAT YOU MAY NOT HAVE BEEN AWARE OF.
I HAVE PLACED A NUMBER OF SPELLS...
SO TELL ME, LYKOULEON...
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE TAKEN YOUR LAST BREATH?
!!

NOW, ONLY YOUR BLOOD BROTHER CAN SUCCEED YOU.

IT'S A SHAME RASELEANE COULDN'T GIVE YOU AN HEIR.

MY BLOOD...

YOUR HIGH-NESS!!

LORD LYKOU-LEON!!!

I'M LOSING TOO MUCH..

OH, GOD... IT'S SPILLING ALL OVER!

HEH HEH..

A BODY DOESN'T LOSE CONSCIOUS-NESS UNTIL IT'S LOST OVER HALF OF ITS BLOOD.

YOUR LORD IS IN FOR A SLOW DEATH.

DON'T WORRY YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO SAY GOOD-BYE.

UNFORTUNATELY, YOUR SUCCESSOR ISN'T QUITE READY YET.
AFTER ALL, HOW CAN HE EXPECT TO WEAR THE CROWN...
...WHEN HE HAS NO HEAD?
LORD LYKOULEON HAS A BLOOD BROTHER?
THATS IMPOSSIBLE!
WHO IS IT?
AND IS THIS REALLY RATH?!

RATH!
RETURN!
RETURN TO US!!
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YES... THIS BODY... I'VE GROWN TO LIKE IT.
OH YES... IT WAS THE REVIVAL WATER THAT AWOKE ME, ALLOWING ME INTO THIS BODY.
IT FEELS LIKE HOME.
HARDLY SURPRISING, SINCE I'VE BEEN INHABITING IT FOR THE LAST MONTH.
NADIL!!
-RATH-
HEH HEH HEH HEH
-HE MUST BE POSSESSED-

OH, I'M SORRY!
MY MISTAKE. I THOUGHT YOU KNEW.
YOU'R WHITE DRAGON OFFICER KNEW. I THOUGHT HE WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU.
OH YES... I FORGOT. HE'S DEAD.
!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
YOU'RE LYING!
I DO FEEL SORRY FOR YOUR LITTLE DRAGON KNIGHT.
HE TRIED SO HARD TO RESIST ME.
BUT OVERTAKING HIM WAS SIMPLE, SINCE A PART OF HIM NEVER WANTED TO BE ALIVE.
YES, I'M AFRAID I'VE BEEN IN YOUR PALACE ALL ALONG.
AND UNBEKNOWNST TO ANY OF YOU, I HAVE FILLED THE DRAGON CASTLE... WITH DEMON AURA.
THATS...
...RATH'S BODY?
...INSIDE RATH THE ENTIRE TIME.
NADIL WAS...

DON'T GO!
LADY RASEL-EANE!!
YOUR HIGH-NESS!!
mo...
!!

RASELEANE?

WHAT?
NO!
DAMMIT, NO!
RASELEANE!!
...BEARING ME A SON.
I ASSURE YOU, SHE WILL HAVE...
...NO SUCH PROBLEM...
WELL, THAT'S NOT ENTIRELY CORRECT. SHE ISN'T BARREN. SHE JUST WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO BEAR THE [illegible] OF THE DRAGON LORD...
THE CURSE THAT I PLACED ON THE DRAGON QUEEN...
THE ONE THAT SEEMINGLY LEFT HER BARREN.
PERFECT TIMING, MY DEAR. I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TELL YOU, LYKOU-LEON.

A CLEVER TRICK.
YOU MAY HAVE GOTTEN AWAY.
BUT YOU WON'T WIN.
AH...
!!

THEY WILL ALL SOON BE GONE, AND LYKOULEON WILL BE LEFT WITH NOTHING.
BUT A MEMORY...
HIS SUBJECTS.
HIS COUNTRY...
...AND ALL THAT HE CARES ABOUT.

I'D SAY IT'S TIME WE TOOK OUR DEAR CESIA BACK.
SHY-DEMAN...
SHYREN-DORA...
YES, SIR.
GIVE THE DEMONS FREE REIGN OF THE PALACE.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

RATH MUST NOT DIE.

RATH...

IS DEAD?

BUT IT IS INEVITABLE THAT NADIL WILL KILL RATH.

IN FACT, IT HAS ALREADY HAPPENED.

THE ANSWER LIES IN THIS STAFF.

CESIA?

MY POWER

I'M TOO WEAK.

ITS NO USE.

ONLY RATH CAN WIELD THIS MAGICAL STAFF.

I CAN'T GET ANYTHING TO WORK.

WHATS WRONG WITH THIS WIND STAFF! IT'S DESTABILIZING MY MAGIC.

DIE?
BUT...
WHY?
RATH, PLEASE WAKE UP.
I KNOW YOU'RE STILL ALIVE. YOU HAVE TO BE.
STOP!
YOU'RE HURT! YOU SHOULDN'T MOVE!
YOU MUST FEEL LOST WITHOUT YOUR DRAGON KNIGHT.
I'M SORRY. YOUR MASTER... YOUR MASTER'S ASLEEP.
OH FIRE ...
THIS STAFF IS A REPLICA OF THE ORIGINAL WIND STAFF MADE BY MY MOTHER.
...CREWGER MUST DIE.
BUT THAT ALSO MEANS...
TO REVIVE RATH YOU WILL NEED BOTH THE MAGIC OF THIS STAFF... AND CREWGER'S BODY.

ONCE YOU HAVE GIVEN RATH MY LIFE FORCE...
...HE WILL WAKE UP.
WHAT?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU'LL DIE!!
I KNOW WHY RATH ISN'T WAKING UP.
IN ORDER TO CONTROL RATH'S BODY, NADIL HAD TO CONSUME HIS LIFE FORCE.
KAISTER?
IF RATH HAD ANOTHER LIFE FORCE, HE WOULD AWAKEN.
WHAT?
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
IT'S A PLEDGE WE MADE TO EACH OTHER.
BUT PLEASE, HAVE NO FEAR.
EVEN THINGS THAT I DON'T WANT TO KNOW.
RATH ...
TELLS ME EVERY-THING.

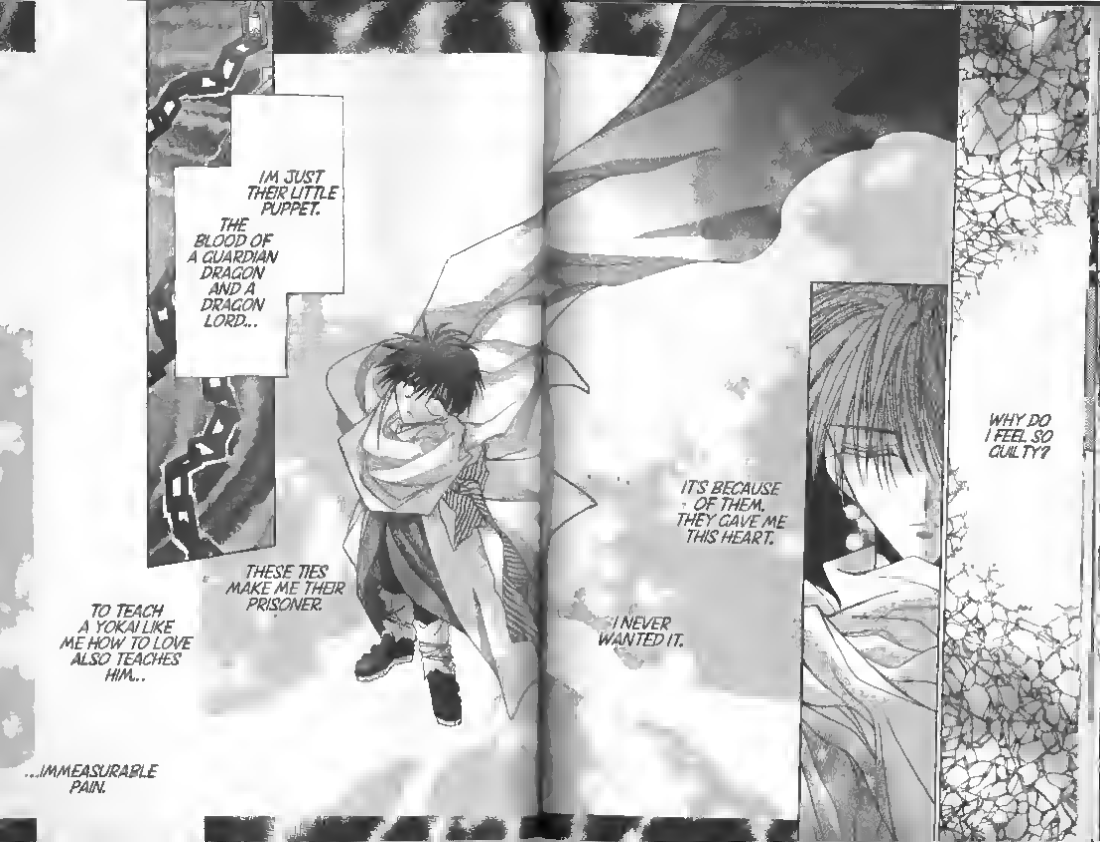
THE WATER!
IT'S BECAUSE BLACK CESIA POURED REVIVAL WATER ON YOU.
RATH'S IMAGE.
RATH'S MEMORY.
ONLY A DEMON..
...CAN BE TOUCHED BY THE WATER. ALL ELSE PERISH.

WHAT?
PLEASE.
KAI-STERN, NO!
THERE HAS TO BE ANOTHER WAY.
UH, KAI-STERN... YOUR ARM...
CRACK
IF I WAIT TOO LONG...
I KNOW. IT'S ALREADY DECAYING.

AWAKE!...
AND BE REBORN...
LET WARMTH ONCE AGAIN RETURN TO YOUR COLD BODY...
...AS A TRUE MEMBER OF THE DRAGON TRIBE.
FILL THIS BODY WITH LIFE.
BLOOD FROM LORD YOU-LEON!
A POUND OF FLESH FROM RUWALK AND BIERREZ
THE POWER OF FLAME FROM THE DRAGON KNIGHT OF FIRE
REVIVE, RATH ILLUSER.
THIS WILL BE MY FINAL GIFT TO YOU.
THE POWER OF ICE FROM ILLUSER
AND THE STRENGTH OF THE RED DRAGON RAL

KAI-STERN...
...FOR RATH?
HE GAVE UP HIS LIFE...

WHY DIDN'T I KNOW...
...HE WOULD DO THIS.
YOU HAD TO BE THE HERO.
IDIOT.
SUCH A SELFISH IDIOT.
YOU HAD TO MAKE THE SACRIFICE, DIDN'T YOU?!
STOP IT, RUWALK.
YOU CAN'T BRING KAI-STERN BACK.
HOW COULD I BE SO STUPID?
HOW DID I NOT NOTICE?


I'M JUST THEIR LITTLE PUPPET.
THE BLOOD OF A GUARDIAN DRAGON AND A DRAGON LORD...
THESE TIES MAKE ME THEIR PRISONER.
TO TEACH A YOKAI LIKE ME HOW TO LOVE ALSO TEACHES HIM...
...IMMEASURABLE PAIN.
IT'S BECAUSE OF THEM. THEY GAVE ME THIS HEART.
I NEVER WANTED IT.
WHY DO I FEEL SO GUILTY?

I CUT OFF MY HEAD...
HOW?
AM I... ALIVE?
EVERY TIME SOMEONE GETS HURT...
...I BLAME MYSELF.
MY VERY EXISTENCE HAS CAUSED ME NOTHING BUT GRIEF.

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

YOU BROUGHT ME BACK TO LIFE?!

OF COURSE...

I REMEMBER.

WELL, TECHNICALLY YOU DID DIE, BUT I BROUGHT YOU BACK!

AND I SEEM TO RECALL A PROMISE I MADE ABOUT NEVER LETTING YOU DIE.

WITH YOU GONE, WHO WAS I SUPPOSED TO MAKE FUN OF?

I HAD NO OTHER CHOICE, RATH.

I FEEL DIFFERENT.

WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?

ZOMA PICKED IT UP WHEN NADIL DISCARDED IT.

THAT'S YOUR LIGHT DRAGON AMULET, RATH.

I'M GLAD YOU'RE BACK.

I'VE MISSED YOU.

YOU DO?
THEN WHAT'S WRONG?
I ALSO REMEMBER KILLING ALFEEGI
THAT WASN'T YOU
IT WAS
I WAS BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE?
THIS ISN'T NORMAL.
NOW I'M EVEN MORE OF A FREAK THAN BEFORE!
CALM DOWN!
YOU DON'T NEED TO ACT LIKE THIS!
DO YOU REALIZE WHAT I'VE JUST BEEN THROUGH? CAN YOU BE MORE INSENSITIVE?!
INSENSITIVE?!
HOW SHOULD I ACT?
I CAN'T DO THIS.
I'M NOT LIKE YOU, CESIA.
I JUST DON'T..
HOW CAN I FACE THE REST OF THEM AFTER WHAT'S HAPPENED?
I CAN'T DO IT.
I CAN'T ACT LIKE NOTHING'S HAPPENED. I CAN'T PRETEND I DIDN'T KILL ALFEEGI OR UNLEASH VARAWOO.
DON'T WORRY.
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT
LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE. FROM NOW ON YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH ANYTHING.
AFTER ALL, YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY DO ANYTHING WORSE!
THAT'S SUPPOSED TO MAKE ME FEEL BETTER?
SO CREWGER IS DEAD.

I'M A MONSTER CREATED FROM THE BODY PARTS OF OTHERS.

THIS FACE HAS NO SCARS.

THE PIERCING THAT KAI-STERN GAVE ME IS NOW GONE..

ITS NOT MY ORIGINAL BODY.

DOES HE HAVE TO BE SO BLUNT?

OF COURSE I AM...

YOU'RE MORE THAN THAT.

WHEN CREWGER DISCOVERED THAT NADIL WOULD ONE DAY TAKE OVER MY BODY...

HE VOLUNTEERED TO GIVE UP HIS OWN.

HE KNEW WHAT HAPPENED TO ILLUSER, AND THAT SAVING ME WOULD FALL ON HIS SHOULDERS.

I KNOW HOW THESE THINGS WORK.

YOU NEEDED HIS BODY TO REVIVE ME.

THE STAR PRINCESS PREDICTED THAT CREWGER WOULD BE..

...YOUR SECOND BODY.

I'M ONLY ALIVE BECAUSE OTHERS ARE DEAD.

I LIVE..

...BECAUSE I'M THE DRAGON LORD'S ONLY SUCCESSOR.

THE DRAGON TRIBE HAS WORKED SO HARD TO KEEP ME ALIVE, AND ALL I'VE CAUSED THEM IS PAIN.

I DON'T WANT TO EXIST ANYMORE. LETTING ME LIVE IS TOO DANGEROUS.

IF I DIED...

...THE DRAGON TRIBE WOULD NO LONGER EXIST.

I MIGHT KILL EVERYONE HERE...

EVEN THE FEELING OF THE KNIFE SLICING OPEN MY THROAT.

I REMEMBER IT ALL...

WHY?

WHY CAN'T THEY JUST LEAVE ME ALONE?

BUT I ALREADY KNEW. THE STAR PRINCESS.

KAISTERN TOLD ME ABOUT THIS.

TOLD ME RATHS SECRET A LONG TIME AGO.

IT'S A SECRET THAT I'VE KEPT HIDDEN FROM HIM ALL THIS TIME.

I'M THE TERRIBLE DEMON...

...THAT WREAKED HORROR OVER DUSIS!

NADIL DRAINED MY LIFE FORCE AND TOOK MY BODY. BUT I AM HERE NOW.
WHO?!
LIFE CANNOT BE RESTORED WITHOUT THE DEATH OF ANOTHER.
WHO HAS DIED IN MY PLACE, CESIA?
WHO HAS GIVEN UP THEIR LIFE FOR ME?!
ANSWER ME, CESIA!
ANS-WER ME!!
KAI-STERN GAVE HIS LIFE TO YOU.
HE LOVED YOU.
DO YOU REMEMBER THE REVIVAL WATER THAT WAS POURED ON YOU, RATH?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS IF IT GETS ON SOMEONE WHO'S NOT A DEMON?
I USED THE POWER OF THE WIND STAFF AND KAI-STERN'S LIFE FORCE TO BRING YOU BACK.
RATH, THE REVIVAL WATER GOT ON KAI-STERN AS WELL AS YOU. HE WAS ALREADY DEAD.
IT EVENTUALLY KILLS HIM... VERY PAINFULLY.

WHY AM I CRYING?
DEMONS DON'T FEEL PAIN.
MONSTERS AREN'T SUPPOSED TO CRY!
RATH...
WHAT?!
TEARS?!
AND NOW YOU'RE DEAD. DAMN YOU...
DAMMIT, KAI-STEIN! YOU BROKE YOUR PROMISE!
YOU PROMISED TO TELL ME WHAT YOU WERE SEARCHING FOR!
YOU NEVER TOLD ME WHAT IT WAS.
HE DIED FOR ME!
FINE! YOU WANT TO DIE? GO AHEAD!
I DON'T CARE!
I-I... HE'S...

AND IF YOU FEEL YOUR DEMON SIDE TAKING OVER, JUST PRAY TO GOD IT ISN'T HAPPENING AROUND ME.

IF YOU FEEL LONELY JUST CALL MY NAME.

IF YOU FEEL SCARED, JUST TAKE HOLD OF MY HAND...

I AM HERE FOR YOU, RATH ILLUSER.

DO YOU UNDER-STAND NOW?

NOW, HOW ABOUT A...

GOOD-NIGHT KISS?

SO THIS BODY WAS CREWGER'S

THAT'S RIGHT.

HE DID IT WILLINGLY, LIKE KAI-STERN.

NOW, SHUT UP!

DON'T FORGET, YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE HERE WHO'S A YOKAI.

STOP FEELING SORRY FOR YOUR-SELF.

STOP ACTING LIKE A SPOILED CHILD.

DON'T MAKE THE SITUATION HARDER THAN IT ALREADY IS.

I DIDN'T FORGET

CESIA...
IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO RETURN HOME.
COME WITH ME, AND I'LL SPARE YOUR PRECIOUS DRAGON TRIBE.
REFUSE AND I'LL FILL THE CASTLE WITH CORPSES.
OUR WORK HERE IS DONE. YOU'RE THE ONLY REASON WE REMAIN.
COME WITH US AND WE'LL LEAVE THE PALACE IMMEDIATELY.
HA A...

YOU WIN. NOW CALL OFF YOUR LACKEYS!
OKAY, NADIL ...
THE SEIGE WILL END NOW.
YOU DO UNDER-STAND THAT I WILL BE BACK.
OF COURSE ...
RETURN TO ME...
...CESIA.

PLEASE, NADIL.
I'M NOT THE SAME LITTLE GIRL YOU KNEW.
NEXT TIME I WON'T BE SO MERCIFUL.
SAY YOUR GOOD-BYES, MEN...
WE'RE GOING HOME!
YES...
LORD NADIL.
RATH...
KAI-STERN WASN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO LIED TO YOU. I HAVE BEEN DISHONEST AS WELL...
CESIA!!

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ALTHOUGH I DID NAME HIM RATH

...I ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WA A BIT CRUEL TO G HIM ILLUSER. A HIS SURNAM

I THINK THAT WAS RUWALK'S IDEA IT SOUNDS LIKE SOM THING HE WOULD D

ONE THING'S FOR CERTAIN, ALL OF US WELCOMED HIM INTO THE DRAGON TRIBE FAMILY... ALBEIT A BIT RELUCTANTLY AT FIRST.

The Villains of Dragon Knights

Nadil

Leader of the Demon Forces who was decapitated by Lykouleon. His army is trying to retrieve his head and resurrect him.

Shydeman

Current leader of Nadil's army. They are terrorizing with the express goal of reviving Nadil and destroying the Dragon Tribe.

Shyrendora

Bierrez

The only Yokai who can penetrate the shield of the Dragon Castle. Though a demon, he isn't a loyal follower of Nadil.

Lady Medicinea

A demon leader in Nadil's army responsible for the Black Smoke in Dusis. Has a competitive relationship with Fedelta.

Jilge

A witch who worked for Nadil's forces until her untimely death at the hands of the Dragon Knights.

Fedelta

One of the leaders in Nadil's army. Answers to Shydeman and is competitive with Medicinea.

Kirukulus

An evil [illegible] on capturing Festa and using her to make him stronger. Was defeated by Rath but still lives and is determined to control Dusis.

Khari

Khari is an Alchemist and a Renkin Wizard who can create demons. He longs to control Dusis himself but sometimes assists Nadil's army. Garfakey is sneaky, vicious and serves Khari, but harbors a desire to be a demon himself.

Garfakey

black education
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ドラゴン騎士団外伝

CRUNCH
ILLUSER

HEY! HURRY UP, SLOW POKE!
IF YOU CAN'T KEEP UP, YOU'RE GONNA LOSE ME.
Does it matter if I lose you when you're already lost?
YEAH. YOU'RE RIGHT.
IT'S CUZ A REALLY STRONG DEMON LIVES ON THIS MOUNTAIN.
I CAN FEEL HIM.
CAN YOU?
WOW!
SNOW!

LET'S FOLLOW THEM!
COME ON, GUYS.
What about the demon?
WOW!
THEY'RE HUUUGE!
AND THERE'S TWO OF THEM!
UH...
NOW, COME ON. THEY WENT THAT WAY!
OH, WE CAN HANDLE THAT! WE'RE A MIGHTY ARMY REMEMBER?
This can't be good.
It's too dangerous.
THIS IS SO EXCITING.
IF WE FIND HIM, I'LL CUT HIM TO PIECES!
THE SNOW IS COLD.
BUT CREWGER IS WARM.
LOOK AT US.
THE COLD CAN'T STOP US. NOTHING CAN STOP US!
WE HAVE A DRAGON DOG AND A FIRE DRAGON.
AND OF COURSE, I AM THE DRAGON KNIGHT OF FIRE.
PLUS, I KNOW HOW TO USE ICE MAGIC. WE'RE GONNA KICK BUTT!

WHAT'S IT KUWALK?
I DON'T WANT TO CRY WOLF HERE.
EXCUSE ME.
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SPIT IT OUT.
?
WELL, IF HE LEFT A DAMN NOTE, WHY'D YOU WASTE YOUR TIME LOOKING FOR HIM?!
I'T RATH
I KNEW YOU WERE GONNA GET MAD. THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO TELL YOU.
WELL, THANKS TO YOU WE'VE NOW WASTED MOST OF THE DAY!
PLUS, HE LEFT A NOTE.
I THINK HE'S MISSING. I CAN'T FIND HIM ANY-WHERE.
WHO ARE YOU?
DO I KNOW YOU?
WHY, HELLO THERE, LITTLE ONE.

ACCORDING TO THIS NOTE, HE LEFT THIS MORNING.
PUT TOGETHER A SEARCH PARTY WE HAVE TO FIND HIM!
THIS STUPID THING DOESN'T EVEN SAY WHERE HE WENT!
GONE DEMON HUNTING. RATH
P.S. PIRE ATE MY BOOKS AGAIN.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
RATH'S GONE?
SIGH...
AGAIN
WHEN I TOOK HIM HIS BREAKFAST, HE WAS GONE.
TEAM UP, SPREAD OUT, AND LOOK FOR HIM.
HE'S BEEN GONE A LONG TIME, SO WE NEED TO LOOK EVERY-WHERE.
AREN'T YOU ALL OVER REACTING?
HE IS JUST A CURIOUS BOY HE WANDERS OFF ALL THE TIME.
RUNE...
RATH IS MORE THAN JUST A DRAGON KNIGHT.
LOOK AT THE SKY.
IT'S A PORTENT OF DANGER.
YOU'RE RIGHT!
THAT ISN'T NATURAL.
MORE THAN A DRAGON KNIGHT?
BUT HE'S ONLY A BOY.
I WAS SURPRISED THEY MADE HIM A DRAGON KNIGHT IN THE FIRST PLACE.

IF HE WANTS TO HUNT DEMONS SO BADLY...
WHY DON'T WE LET HIM?
YOU KNOW KIDS. THE STRICTER WE GET WITH HIM, THE MORE HE'LL REBEL.
I UNDERSTAND YOUR POINT, KAISTERN.
BUT...
WHAT IF HE DOES FIND A DEMON?
AND WHAT IF HE GETS MORTALLY WOUNDED? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO THEN?
THAT'S NOT VERY LIKELY.
WELL, UH...
WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY... CONTINUE YOUR SEARCH.
HE'LL SEE.
IF YOU FIND ANYTHING, LET ME OR THESEUS KNOW IMMEDIATELY.
NOW, GET GOING.
WILL YOU ALWAYS BE THIS MUCH TROUBLE, RATH?
WAIT A SECOND
UM...
YES?
WHAT?
THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW!
"WHAT'S" WITH THE COSTUME!
DID YOU THINK THAT RIDICULOUS WIG WOULD FOOL ANYONE?
THE DRAGON LORD
ALFEEGI IS AMAZING.

...WHO ARE YOU?
RATH ILLUSER.
RATH ILLUSER? WHO GAVE YOU THAT NAME?
THAT'S A DRAGON NAME.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WHO GAVE ME IT"?
DID I HAVE A DIFFERENT NAME BEFORE?
YUP! I'M A MEMBER OF THE DRAGON TRIBE.

YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE ME, DO YOU?
NO—
YOU SHOULD
ALL LITTLE BOYS SHOULD REMEMBER THEIR MOTHER. WAIT, PERHAPS I CAN WORD THAT BETTER...

AAAAAGGH
IT DEMONSTRATES HOW MUCH YOU AND I HAVE IN COMMON.
OF COURSE. THANK YOU FOR NOT NOTICING.
I AM KHAIL THE ALCHEMIST
SUCH A SHAME.
YES. AS A MATTER OF FACT, YOU DID.
IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO.
IT MEANS CREATE SOULS.
ALCHEMIST?
GRR
DEMON?!
ARE YOU A DEMON?!
GRR
GRR
LIKE THE SOUL OF A DEMON.
!!

DO YOU UNDER-STAND...
HOW MUCH THAT BUGS ME?
...LIKE THE KING OF ARINAS, TRYING TO STEAL EVERYTHING FROM ME.
I COULD KILL YOU RIGHT NOW
YOU, A KING OF DUSIS...
RATH!
LEFT BIRD...
RIGHT BIRD...
I NEED YOU.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU'RE CALLED NOW.
KNOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE.
WE'VE BEEN APART FOR SO LONG.
MUCH TOO LONG FOR A PRECIOUS DEMON LIKE YOUR-SELF.

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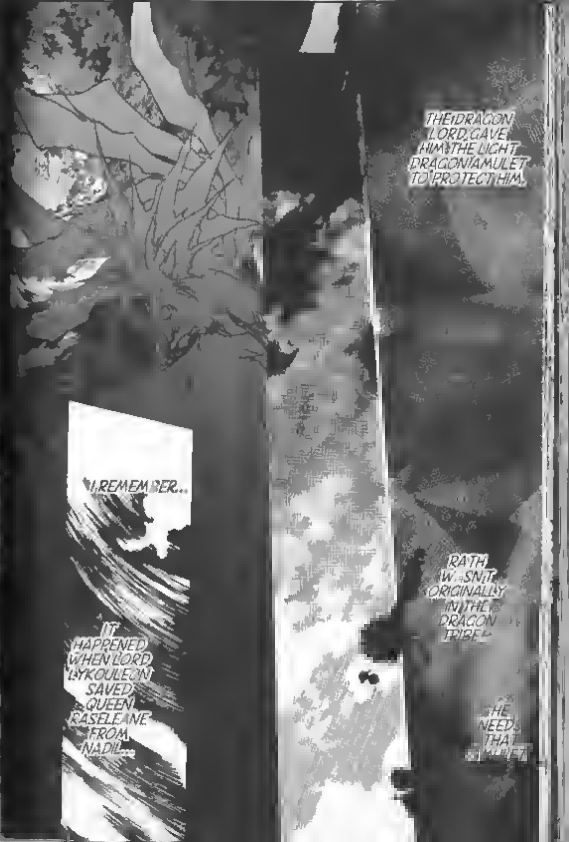
RATH WOULD NEVER TAKE THIS OFF!
DID SOMEONE REMOVE IT? WHO WOULD DO THAT?
WAIT A SECOND ...
WHY IS RATH'S LIGHT DRAGON AMULET HERE?

I KNOW WHAT ALFEEGI'S SAYING. .
BUT NOTHING CAN STOP RATH FROM WANTING TO HUNT DEMONS. WE SHOULD JUST LET HIM DO IT.
RAAAATH!
COME ON OUT, I'LL HELP YOU FIND A DEMON.
I JUST WON'T HELP VERY HARD.
RATH!
RATH! CREWGER!
WHOOSH
UH...



THE DRAGON LORD GAVE HIM THE LIGHT DRAGON AMULET TO PROTECT HIM.

RATH WASN'T ORIGINALLY IN THE DRAGON TRIBE.

HE NEEDS THAT

I REMEMBER...

IT HAPPENED WHEN LORD LYKOULEON SAVED QUEEN RASELEANE FROM NADIL...

WHY HASN'T ANYONE CAUGHT HIM?

A DEMON IS ON A RAMPAGE IN DUSIS?!

HE HAS BEEN VERY CLEVER.

HE ELUDES US AT EVERY TURN.

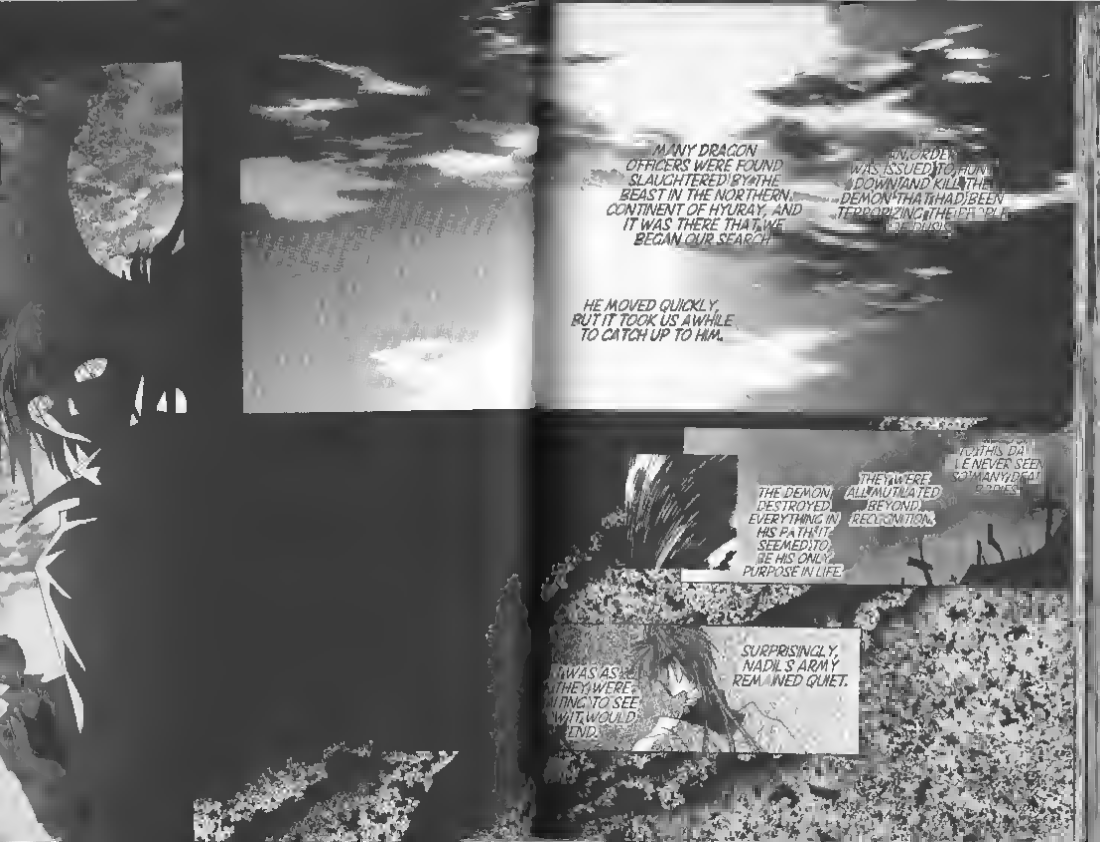
HE'S KILLED EVERYONE HE'S ATTACKED.

HUMANS, DEMONS, FORTUNE-TELLERS... HE DOESN'T DISCRIMINATE. IF WE DON'T STOP HIM, THE BALANCE OF NATURE WILL BE DESTROYED

FORTUNE-TELLERS?

WHAT SORT OF MONSTER IS THIS?

HUME...
THE LEADER OF OUR SPIRITUAL FAMILY WAS KILLED. NOW MY FAMILY LINE WILL END WITH THIS GENER-ATION.
WE MUST DO SOME-THING.
PLEASE CALL US IF YOU'RE IN DANGER.
WE WILL BE READY TO HELP.
THE-SEUS...
I LEAVE THE DRAGON CASTLE IN YOUR CAPABLE HANDS.
IF WE DON'T DO SOME-THING NOW...
DUSIS WILL BE DECIMATED.
WHERE DID THE DEMON COME FROM?



MANY DRAGON OFFICERS WERE FOUND SLAUGHTERED BY THE BEAST IN THE NORTHERN CONTINENT OF HYURAY, AND IT WAS THERE THAT WE BEGAN OUR SEARCH.

IN ORDER WAS ISSUED TO HUNT DOWN AND KILL THE DEMON THAT HAD BEEN TERRORIZING THE PEOPLE OF DUSK.

HE MOVED QUICKLY, BUT IT TOOK US AWHILE TO CATCH UP TO HIM.

THE DEMON DESTROYED EVERYTHING IN HIS PATH. IT SEEMED TO BE HIS ONLY PURPOSE IN LIFE.

THEY WERE ALL MUTILATED BEYOND RECOGNITION.

TO THIS DA E NEVER SEE SO MANY DEA BODIES.

SURPRISINGLY, NADIL'S ARMY REMAINED QUIET.

WAS AS THEY WERE ITING TO SEE WIT WOULD END.

RATH!

RAAATH!!

WELL, AT LEAST...

...THAT'S WHAT HE TOLD US.

NO... IT CAN'T BE...

WHEN LORD LYKOULEON FINALLY CAME FACE TO FACE WITH IT...

...IT REQUIRED A CORPOREAL BODY TO TAKE FORM.

THE DEMON WAS SHAPELESS ON ITS OWN.

YOUR HIGHNESS?

HIS FACE DRAINED OF ALL COLOR.

ILLUSER.

THE MONSTER "DEMON OF DUSIS" TOOK THE FORM OF HIS OLD PET.

TAKEN HIM BACK?
YOURS?
DON'T MISS A BEAT, DO YOU?
I'VE TAKEN BACK THAT WHICH WAS MINE. NAMELY RATH.
SORRY, BUT RATH CAN'T COME OUT TO PLAY.
WHAT THE HELL?

TEARS...

OF BLOOD.

WE SHOULD HAVE KILLED THE BEAST THEN.

BUT LORD KOULEON WOULDN'T ALLOW IT.

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RATH HAS GREAT POWER INSIDE OF HIM.

IT WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE SURFACE...

...ONCE I'VE INFUSED HIM WITH DEMON POWERS.

HE'S JUST A CHILD.
HE SHEDS TEARS WITHOUT KNOWING HOW TO CRY.
BUT HE KNOWS THAT SOMETHING IMPORTANT HAS BEEN LOST.
HIS INSTINCTS ARE REMARKABLE.
HE FEARED WE HAD BETRAYED HIM.

WHO...?
WHO...
WHO AM I?

I'M JUST GOING TO GIVE RATH A FEW DEMON SEEDS JUST ENOUGH TO GET HIM TO SPROUT A FEW MORE ARMS, AND START BREATHING FIRE.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
GRR
LORD LYKOULEON!..
DOES HE KNOW?
WHO?
TELL ME!

AS LONG AS I HAVE MY BIRDS, YOUR ATTACKS ARE RATHER POINTLESS.
IT'S THE BIRDS, YOU SEE. LEFT BIRD CLOUDS YOUR MIND AND RIGHT BIRD WEAKENS YOU PHYSICALLY.
OF COURSE, THERE'S FIRE.
ONLY WITHOUT RATH, YOU CAN'T EVEN GET HIM TO FETCH, CAN YOU?
HEH HEH ..
HA, HA, HA, HA, HA...
!!
SORRY, I SHOULD HAVE MENTIONED THIS
YOUR ATTACKS ARE USELESS AGAINST ME.
RATH'S REVERTING BACK TO HIS DEMON SELF.

I RE-MEMBER NOW.
I RE-MEMBER WHAT I WAS.
AND WHAT IS THIS POWER I FEEL WELLING UP INSIDE ME?
BUT WHY...?
WHY AM I HERE?

GASP
!!
SOMEONE'S...
WHAT?
PROTECTING HIM!
WHAT IS THIS?
THE LIGHT DRAGON?
ITS
IT'S A GUARDIAN DRAGON!
STOP. IT

WELL, COME ON! I NEED A NEW PAIR OF BOOTS!
YOU WANT TO CHALLENGE ME. YOU OVER-GROWN LIZARD?
IT'S ONE OF YOUR BLOODY GUARDIAN DRAGONS
I'M SORRY
BUT I CAN'T LET YOU DO THAT
IDIOT.
LEAVE. ME
ALONE...I
DON'T
AWAKEN... ME.
I WANT TO FOR-GET.
LET ME FORGET

ITS THE BIRDS. THEY'RE CONTROLLING MY MIND!
THEY WON'T...
LET ME GO!
ARRGGHH!!!
I TOLD YOU, I WON'T ALLOW THAT!
LEFT BIRD!
RIGHT BIRD!
RATH MINE!
DISTRACT RATH.
THEN KILL THE DRAGON.
STOP IT.
LEAVE ME ALONE.
STOP MESSING WITH MY MIND LIKE THIS!

HE KILLED.
...LEFT BIRD.

RATH...
HEY, RATH...
WAKE UP, BUDDY. OPEN YOUR EYES.
HIS TEARS ARE... BLOOD.
BLOOD.
HE MURDERED MY--
YOU HATE ME THAT MUCH?
ET'S GO.

RATH!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
PLEASE...
WAKE UP
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN?
DON'T DIE ON ME.
COME ON, RATH!
I'LL DO ANYTHING...
IF YOU'LL JUST WAKE UP.
THE LIGHT DRAGON, THOUGH, EXPENDED GREAT ENERGY PROTECTING RATH.
HE PUSHED HIMSELF BEYOND HIS LIMITS AND IS NOW VERY WEAK.
THE GUARDIAN DRAGON'S POWER WILL SOON DRAIN AWAY
HE'LL BE FINE.
RATH ABSORBED A GREAT DEAL OF ENERGY VERY QUICKLY. IT HAS PARALYZED HIM.
HE WILL REAWAKEN.

I'LL FIND THE WIND DRAGON.
I KNOW SOME BASIC WIND MAGIC. JUST ENOUGH FOR A QUEST LIKE THIS.
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IF THE LIGHT DRAGON IS ABLE TO RECEIVE EVEN A LITTLE POWER...

WITHOUT THE WIND DRAGON'S POWER, NEITHER THE LIGHT DRAGON NOR RATH WOULD SURVIVE FOR VERY LONG.
HOWEVER, THAT WAS ONLY THE START OF WHAT SHE TOLD ME THAT DAY...
SHE INFORMED ME THAT RATH'S GUARDIAN DRAGON, THE LIGHT DRAGON, REQUIRED THE POWER OF THE WIND DRAGON TO LIVE.
THE YOUNG WOMAN CALLED HERSELF THE STAR PRINCESS.
CAN ALL THIS BE TRUE?

TOO MUCH POWER.
LORD RATH...
CANNOT HANDLE SO MUCH.
WHAT WAS THAT?
YOU JUST OVERHEARD SOME OF HIS THOUGHTS. IT HAPPENS.
DON'T BE FRIGHTENED.

RATH HAD LOST HIS FAITH IN US.
HE HAD CLOSED HIMSELF OFF FROM THE WORLD.
HE BECAME QUIET AND WITHDRAWN.
HE BECAME COLD.

GEE, THANKS
THE TRUTH IS THAT ALL OF US LOVE RATH, ALWAYS HAVE.
I'LL EVEN PRETEND TO LIKE YOU.
YEAH, I KNOW
A PROMISE IS A PROMISE. I WON'T KEEP ANY SECRETS FROM YOU.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WANTED TO KNOW MY INNERMOST THOUGHTS.
SURE I DO.
YOU DON'T MEAN THOSE THINGS.
I KNOW YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO GIVE ME A HARD TIME.

...I NEVER WOULD HAVE SAVED HIS LIFE. I WOULD HAVE KILLED HIM JUST LIKE ANY OTHER DEMON.
IF I THOUGHT RATH WAS A THREAT...

AREN'T YOU SCARED OF ME?
I'M A BIG, UGLY, SNARLING DEMON!
AND I'M GONNA KILL ALL OF YOU!

BESIDES, YOU THINK I'M SCARED OF A TINY DEMON LIKE YOU?
IF I WAS AFRAID OF YOU..
I WOULDN'T SPEND SO MANY AFTERNOONS TRAINING WITH YOU
I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES.
BESIDES WE MADE A DEAL.
YOU'RE GONNA WIND UP DEAD...
WITH THAT KIND OF TALK.

I WOULDN'T KILL HIM THEN....

I COULD NEVER DO IT NOW.

THAT HE'S TAKEN ILLUSER'S BODY...

MUST BE OF SIGNIFICANCE.

LORD LYKOU-LEON!

DON'T LET IT CONFUSE YOU! THAT'S NOT ILLUSER!

HE ISN'T SCARED OF

THAT BEAST WILL KILL YOU...

IF YOU DON'T DESTROY IT NOW!

LORD LYKOU-LEON.

LORD LYKOU LEON!

WE WILL NEVER KNOW

THE SOURCE OF THE LORD'S SORROW

NOW, YOU WILL HAVE MY BODY.

ILLUSER, YOU ALREADY HAVE...

MY BLOOD IN YOU

I CAN'T ...

Dragon Knights

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In Volume 13:

Nadil has returned, and life for the Dragon Tribe will never be the same. Nohiro, the young man with the forgotten past, is now aided by three frisky faeries as he searches for more of their kind. But when a call for help leads him to the castle of Khart the Alchemist, his mission takes a grave turn. Meanwhile, the thief Kitchel and Ringleys, her faerie companion, continue searching for a way out of the cursed Water Cave. With the Three Treasures of Dusis in hand, she must fend off a clan of wolves, a foe from the past, and a truly annoying faerie, however, they're nothing compared to what awaits her outside the cave. Finally, Rath awakens to find Draqueen in shambles, the palace under siege, and Cesia gone. His conscience guilty, he begins a journey that will lead him straight to the heart of the Demon Realm, bringing with it the long-awaited reunion of all three Dragon Knights!

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